

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1-20 have been canceled and claims 51-69 have been added. Claims 21-50 have previously been cancelled. Thus, claims 51-69 are currently pending in the present application.

Claims 1-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-9 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,217,727, and claims 10-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-11 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,344,126.

Claims 1-20 have been canceled and replaced new claims 51-69, which are different in scope from the claims of the '727 and the '126 patents. Accordingly, these grounds of rejection have been overcome, and withdrawal of the same is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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